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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Also enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Reason for Refusal issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-321406, and translation thereof.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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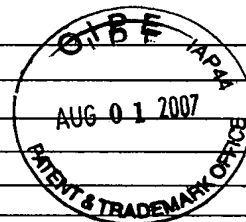
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